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Parents can remove their kids from sex-ed classes for religious reasons, but any requests for students to opt out of learning about gay families or diverse gender identities won't be tolerated, says the director of Ontario's second largest school board — one that expects to be hard hit by protests over the new health curriculum.

The same day as anti-sex-ed rallies were planned outside Liberal MPP offices across the province, Tony Pontes was to tell teachers and superintendents about the Peel board's tough stand, saying if parents have a problem with such strong support for equity and inclusion, the public system

may not be right for them.

"Let's be clear: Some in our community may not like this," he says in a speech to be given Wednesday morning.

After noting the 905-area board is opening its first gender-neutral washroom at a high school and introducing a new gender identity guideline for educators, some parents "may choose to switch school systems ... if so, that is a price we must be willing to pay."

"We cannot — we will not — by action or inaction endorse discrimination," said Pontes, who cited Ontario's Human Rights Code as applying to people of all sexual orientation and gender identity. "Supported by legal opinion, bolstered by our core values, I would no more say yes to someone wanting a child excluded because of a discussion about LGBTQ than I would a discussion about race or gender."

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City must reveal intent: Expert

PUSH FOR THE OLYMPICS

Official tells Metro 'there is no bid team'



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro|Toronto

The "extraordinarily secretive" people behind Toronto's potential bid for the 2024 Olympic need to stand up and identify

themselves, one expert says.

It's highly unusual that Toronto would be considering an Olympic bid so close to the application deadline without making the most basic information public, said Janice Forsyth, director of the International Centre for Olympic Studies at Western University.

That includes who's responsible for it.

"Normally we'd know the players at this point in time, because it's one of the biggest decisions, economically, Toronto and Ontario will have to make, whether or not they commit themselves to this bid," she said. "They should be very concerned

about their lack of transparency at this point in time, and if they want to gain back the public's trust, they should put out clear press saying exactly what is going to happen.

"This is highly unusual for a democracy."

The deadline for Toronto to decide if it wants to play host is approaching fast.

By Sept. 15, each potential host country's Olympic committee and the potential host city's mayor must send a letter to the International Olympic Committee, along with a \$150,000 application fee.

The Canadian Olympic Committee has offered to put up that

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Janice Forsyth, director of the International Centre for Olympic Studies

money for Toronto and is waiting on Mayor John Tory to announce if he will sign the letter.

Typically at this stage, the cities have bid teams in charge of their efforts and have already done significant planning and made it public.

"Whether or not Toronto has

done that kind of planning, we can't say, because that bid team has been extraordinarily private," Forsyth said.

Forsyth said Marcel Aubut, head of the Canadian Olympic Committee, and Bob Richardson, an executive vice-president for Edelman Canada who co-chaired Tory's mayoralty campaign, are among those behind the push to have Toronto host the games. Richardson told Metro that at this point, "There is no bid team."

Semantics aside, the transparency issue has cast Toronto's bid in a negative light, Forsyth argues. Signing and sending a letter by the Sept. 15 deadline

will not commit Toronto to submitting a bid. Council approval — which the mayor needs for a formal bid or spending money — could come after the letter, Tory has said.

However, if Tory does sign a letter and send it to the Olympic Committee, the city will be under a lot of pressure to stick with it, Forsyth said.

"The last thing you really want to do is piss off the IOC," she said. "You're going to get a ton of pressure coming from the Canadian Olympic Committee and a ton of pressure from the vested business interests.

"It's really difficult to pull out."



The Toronto sign lights up the night at Nathan Phillips Square as people watch a concert during the 2015 Pan American Games. HECTOR RETAMAL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

COSTS

Mayor puts pressure on private sector for funding

Mayor John Tory says he is asking private-sector leaders to "step up" with funding if they want Toronto to mount a bid to host the 2024 Summer Olympics.

"I believe that if there is to be (a bid), it should be largely financed by the private sector," Tory said Tuesday. "That's been done elsewhere and could be done here if there's the will and interest in doing so."

Toronto has until Sept. 15 to submit a letter to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) indicating that the city is interested in joining the bidding process.

Tory stressed he has not yet made up his mind but continues to canvass a wide variety of opinions from leaders in labour, business and the non-profit sector, as well as representatives from the sports industry and past civic

leaders. Tory said he is trying to pin down exactly how much a bid would cost. A consultant report, prepared for the city, estimated a bid would run between \$50 and \$60 million, though the IOC has announced rule changes since the report was prepared in 2013.

Tory said Tuesday he has had a preliminary discussion with Premier Kathleen Wynne on a bid, but it's premature to comment. He also intends

to talk to the leaders of the three federal parties on the campaign trail to gauge their opinions.

"If they said to me, 'Well no, absolutely not; I can tell you that no matter what happens, if we win we're not going to be interested in this,' that's obviously very relevant to my own deliberation."

Tory said he is also paying close attention to what the city's 44 councillors are think-

ing. All seven members of the budget committee are either lukewarm or against a bid, citing the high cost of hosting an Olympics, which have a legacy of cost overruns.

"The concerns about finance are on my mind, too," he said at the launch for the United Way's annual fundraising drive.

The IOC will pick a host city on Sept. 15, 2017.

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AMERICAN BID

L.A. back on block for 2024 Games

The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) on Tuesday named Los Angeles as its candidate for the 2024 Games, replacing Boston's soured bid and marking a comeback for L.A.'s dream of becoming a three-time Olympic host.

The announcement by USOC CEO Scott Blackmun came under a summer sun at Santa Monica Beach, where the city plans to stage beach volleyball — the site where the sport was founded.

"I want to thank Los Angeles for standing up, once again, as America's bid city," Blackmun said, adding that L.A.'s proposal squares with the Olympic movement's goals of watching the bottom line while investing in projects that dovetail with community needs.

Mayor Eric Garcetti said the city was inspired to bring the games back to the U.S. for the first time in 28 years.

"This is a quest that Los Angeles was made for," the mayor said. "This city is the world's greatest stage."

Earlier Tuesday, the Los Angeles city council cleared the way for Garcetti to strike agreements for a 2024 bid. The 15-0 vote came about a month after Boston was dropped from contention amid shaky public support and questions about taxpayer spending and liability. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONTRACT

Hydro One deal 'net zero': Government

Hydro One professional workers will get shares in the newly privatized utility as well as raises and a lump sum payment, but the Liberal government says the deal is "net zero."

Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli says savings "derived from hiring flexibility" and "significantly increased" pension contributions from the employees will offset the increases in the three-year ratified deal with the Society of

Energy Professionals.

The Liberal government plans to sell off 60 per cent of Hydro One, starting with a 15 per cent initial public offering, but the enabling legislation removed virtually all public oversight from the utility and the sale process, before any shares were sold.

The sale is expected to raise about \$9 billion, \$4 billion of which the government has said will be used for public transit

projects and the rest to pay down hydro debt.

The value of the shares the Hydro One workers are to receive won't be calculated until the IPO proceeds, said a spokeswoman for Chiarelli.

NDP energy critic Peter Tabuns questioned whether the contract is a true "net zero" agreement.

"I can't believe the minister can tell us this is a net zero deal when he doesn't even know the

value of the shares he's going to be providing as compensation," Tabuns said.

"The premier has said all along that privatization was to pay for transport and pay off debt, yet she's using shares to plug gaps in her wage negotiations."

The Society of Energy Professionals employees will get a number of shares equal to two per cent of their 2015 salary.

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A Tuesday fog that settled along the harbourfront made gazing across Lake Ontario difficult. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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No need to fear the fog

WEATHER

Expert says haze over T.O. not necessarily due to smog



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Tuesday's hazy skies over downtown Toronto may have had some people reaching for their face masks, but experts say there's little to worry about.

"It's not necessarily all pollution. There's definitely a haze of water vapour in the air as well," said Environment Canada meteorologist Geoff Coulson.

Visibility at the Island Airport was reduced to about three kilometres by midday, but Coulson said the cloud was more fog than smog.

That was thanks to a very small difference between the temperature — 21 C — and the dewpoint — 19 C — at about lunchtime.

The air quality index is, however, expected to dip into "moderate" territory later in the week,

+ BACKGROUND

What is the air quality health index?

Ontario's air quality health index uses research from Health Canada to break down air quality into a 10-point scale based on the quantity of harmful pollutants in the air.

In particular, the index measures the presence of ground-level ozone (O3), particulate matter (PM2.5) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2).

Coulson said.

While the level of air pollution doesn't pose a risk to the general population, Coulson said those at risk, like asthmatics, may want to limit their outdoor activities.

Overall, it's been a good summer for air quality. Since May, only two special air quality statements have been issued in the city — one on July 12 and another July 28.

"We've had some fairly long periods of cooler temperatures this summer, which aren't as conducive to air pollution," Coulson said.

IN BRIEF

Mel's bells hell for residents
Mel's bells have gone rogue.

The bells in Mel Lastman Square usually sound off on the hour, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. However, on Monday, their gongs continued well into the night.

Nearby resident Michelle Herder said the incessant bells kept her awake.

"It's still happening. Ugh," she tweeted at about 4 a.m.

Herder contacted 311 to complain about the noise.

"I love listening to the bells

during their regular time slot," she told Metro. "Outside of that, not so much."

On Tuesday, a city spokesperson blamed a "computer glitch" for the off-hours tolling. The clock that controls the bells was "mistakenly" reset to read 4:30 a.m. instead of 4:30 p.m., the spokesperson said.

"This has been corrected and the bells should stop as usual at 9 p.m." going forward, the email said.

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Dan Watson performs as part of the Dusk Dances festival in Toronto's Withrow Park. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Local art goes green

CULTURE

Group's \$700K grant program plants funds in park initiative

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

You can expect to find a bit more local art in your neigh-

“We’re going to bring arts right into these neighbourhoods.”
Claire Hopkinson

bourhood park next summer. The Toronto Arts Council's newest grant program, Arts in the Parks, is looking to grow opportunities for artists to perform and exhibit in the city's green spaces.

Claire Hopkinson, the council's director and CEO, says artistic programming is already happening in about 18 city parks. She's confident the new \$700,000 program will bring that number closer to 50.

“We know there are a lot of artists interested in working in our parks and reaching new audiences and this new funding and marketing opportunity will give them the chance to do that,” Hopkinson said.

The Arts Council, along with the Toronto Art Foundation and T.O. Park People, has been working with the city to open at least

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There are about 18 public spaces around the city holding performances, but with the added financial support more than 50 communities could be supported.

22 new parks — across 22 different wards — to artistic events.

Hopkinson listed Shakespeare in High Park, the Clay and Paper Theatre in Dufferin Grove and Dusk Dances in Withrow Park as examples of successful park art in Toronto.

“These artists are really offering a public service,” Hopkinson said. “They’re enlivening our parks and neighbourhoods.

They’re breaking down barriers and making art as accessible as it can possibly be.”

In addition to grants and marketing support, Hopkinson said the new program will help artists navigate the bureaucracy associated with public performance.

“When an artist goes into any park, they need to know the things they can and cannot do,” she said. “You’ve got to respect nature. There’s a permitting process. You need to understand the rules around amplification.”

Partial funding for the program will come from the proceeds of the Mayor's Evening for the Arts on Oct. 26 at the Metro Convention Centre.

The grant process opens later this month and will be open to all types of artists.

LEARNING

‘Park master’ parlays chess into life lessons

Ralston Bennett takes a pull from his hand-rolled cigarette and surveys the board.

“They’re all dead pieces,” he warns his opponent, cracking a trickster smile.

“He’s famous for saying that,” whispers a retired taxi driver named Robert.

Endgame sets in. Five moves later it’s checkmate.

“This is life, chess,” says Bennett, 68, leaning back among more than a dozen bystanders and players. Behind them pigeons, loungers and the Metropolitan United Church stand witness. “This is an art. It’s battle.”

A colourful community of “chess nuts” congregates daily at the public chess boards on the parish grounds at Church Street and Queen Street East — and Bennett is their lay preacher.

“You know I.M. (international master) and G.M. (grandmaster)? He’s a P.M. — park master,” says Damien Phuong, a paralegal who swings by the chess tables weekly.

“I heard once he queened three pawns in a single game,” Robert says.

As in life, Bennett — decked out in charcoal polka-dotted pants and a red mesh under-

shirt — has developed his own unique style on the board.

He likes to align his bishops side by side and go on the offensive. “I get myself in trouble by being too aggressive,” he says.

“Chess has real meaning. It’s not just a game that you play,” says Bennett, who parlayed his knowledge of checkers into dominance on the chess board after arriving in Toronto from central Jamaica in 1974.

“A reasonable mind is what it is. If you make an erratic play, you end up losing,” he muses, tossing back his dreadlocks.

The chess board is a great

equalizer — levelling the affluent and the homeless alike to the plane of raw strategy, he notes.

“It has to do with how well you can survive, cope and adjust, all those things that you have to do in daily life.”

Bennett, an artist who for years earned his living as a billboard painter, plans to return to his home community of Linstead, Jamaica, for the winter.

He said he intends to donate art supplies to elementary school students and carve out oversized Styrofoam chess pieces for a walk-on board at a school in Linstead. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Residents call for end to carding

STREET CHECKS

Province seeks input on policy that many call discriminatory

It wasn't even 10 minutes into Tuesday night's final public consultation on "street checks" when the shouting

began, hurled from the back of the room towards Yasir Naqvi, Ontario's minister of community safety and correctional services.

Voicing his concerns about the police tactic better known as "carding," Cecil Peter — sitting at the same table as Police Chief Mark Saunders — attempted to make a point by calling for an impromptu vote in the crowd of roughly

200 gathered at the Toronto Reference Library, to gauge the crowd's take on carding.

Peter's shouts were soon quieted, as the meeting's moderator reminded him everyone needed an opportunity to speak. But judging by the public comments and written feedback, a straw poll of the room at Tuesday night's final consultation was unlikely to have revealed much support

for the controversial practice.

Carding — whereby police stop, question and document people who are not suspected of a crime — has come under intense scrutiny as a damaging and discriminatory practice. In June, Kathleen Wynne's government announced plans to regulate street checks, which are used by police forces in various forms across Ontario. The

province has since sought input from the public.

At previous public meetings in Ottawa, Thunder Bay, London and Brampton, many attendees called for the elimination, not regulation, of street checks, saying the practice is inherently discriminatory.

Desmond Cole, a vocal Toronto activist against carding, said the province must show that it will not tolerate biased

behaviour from police, and not just say it won't.

Earlier Tuesday, a coalition of groups, including the Toronto chapter of Black Lives Matter, the African Canadian Legal Clinic, the Anti-Black Racism Network and more, held a joint news conference criticizing Wynne's government for seeking merely to alter, not end, carding.

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This house at 41 Kippendavie Ave. in the Beach sold for \$1 million. Potential buyers were told to bring a flashlight and enter at their own risk. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOUSING

Beach blemish is worth pretty penny

Neighbours up the street call it "the hillbilly house." Its dilapidated hulk holds three bedrooms and two bathrooms, where dirt and dust collect on plywood floors, light drifts through a hole in the roof and the only stirring comes from an itinerant realtor or the resident squirrels.

Actually, they might be bats.

It doesn't really matter. Because even though the structure at 41 Kippendavie Ave. is unquestionably decrepit, we're talking about a fully detached home in the Beach, south of Queen Street near the lake, with a private driveway and ample yard space that backs onto a leafy park. That's enough to prompt a flurry of bids for a house advertised as "not currently livable" and in "extremely poor condition."

After two days on the market, the property sold this week for \$1 million, more than \$100,000 above the asking price.

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According to Wright's website, the average price of a home sold in the neighbourhood in August was \$979,450.

listing that advised curious buyers to go visit "at your own risk" and that a "flashlight may be required" because the power is disconnected.

"I wouldn't have thought it would have played out that way," admitted the 20-year veteran realtor hired to sell the place, lifelong Beach resident Lindsay Wright.

"But nothing surprises me any more as a seasoned agent (in Toronto)."

With this, it was location, location, location, Wright said. "Obviously, my concern with it was I didn't want anyone to hurt themselves inside. You don't know what's loose."

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No bed of roses for retail giant

MATTRESS DELIVERY

Sleep Country staffer disturbs customer with suggestive texts

Samantha Loucks expected a delivery man to drop off her new mattress, not seem to try to pick her up.

The 26-year-old data entry specialist says what was supposed to be a simple delivery became an ordeal when an employee of bedding retail giant Sleep Country sent her what she felt was a sexually suggestive text message at night, hours after the mattress was delivered to her Ajax home.

Loucks told Toronto News Service the employee sent her a text message in the afternoon to confirm that the delivery had been made. But she felt the exchange turned sexual when, she said, he wrote her another string of

texts, this time at around 10 p.m.

"Let me know how (the mattress) is lol," one of the messages read.

When Loucks said her new mattress was "bigger than my old one," she said, the employee wrote back: "Some say bigger is better. Are you in it now?"

"Obviously, I was really uncomfortable," Loucks said. "My boyfriend was right there, and it was the first time I was in my bedroom."

Nine minutes later, the employee texted again: "Sorry. That was inappropriate. But it's the same size right?"

Sleep Country CEO Dave Friesema would not confirm that an employee of the company had sent the text messages, but stated that he had read them and his company was investigating.

"We are passionate about our customers ... sometimes we make mistakes; we made a big mistake on this one, but we want to make it right," he said, adding the company has



I was fearful for my safety.

Samantha Loucks

policies in place to prevent such incidents.

According to Friesema, customers include contact information with their orders so drivers can contact them to arrange delivery times.

"Having said that, it's only for professional use if they give us that information," he said.

Personal texts after business hours would not be considered professional use, Friesema said.

Loucks said that, after explaining how disturbed she was, she was eventually offered a \$250 rebate if she agreed to keep quiet. She refused.

Friesema said he was not present during the phone call where the rebate was discussed.

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CANADIAN ENTERTAINMENT WOWING THE CROWD Performers and musicians from Cirque du Soleil's Varekai put on a free show Tuesday at the Royal Ontario Museum, marking the debut of the Toronto leg of their tour. The show opens Wednesday at the Air Canada Centre and continues until Sept. 6. It's the final North American stop on the Varekai tour before the troupe heads to Europe. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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TRUMP HOTEL

Tower's antenna stands strong, but other pieces are crumbling



Luke Simcoe
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Portions of Bay and Adelaide streets were reopened Tuesday evening, after engineers confirmed an allegedly unstable antenna atop the Trump Hotel posed no risk to the public.

Concerns about the antenna, which makes the Trump building one of the tallest in the city, were raised Monday, prompting police to cordon off a swath of the financial district. The closure snarled the morning rush hour and had commuters cursing the beleaguered building.

However, by Tuesday afternoon, the building's owners, Talon International, issued a statement saying fears about the spire toppling were "unsubstantiated." The roads were

reopened once an engineering team gave police the thumbs up.

The two-day ordeal is not the first time the Trump Hotel has garnered negative attention — it's not even the first time structural issues with the building prompted a street closure.

The building has lived up to its namesake's penchant for gaffes and controversy on at least six other occasions.

1. What's in a name?

His name may be emblazoned on the side of the building, but Donald Trump has little to do with Toronto's Trump Hotel. Until recently, a disclaimer on the tower's website noted the building is "not owned, developed or sold by Donald J. Trump, the Trump Organization or any of their principals or affiliates." In other words, Talon International has licensed the Trump name for marketing purposes.

2. "Racist" restaurant

Earlier this year, the America Restaurant at the top of the building faced accusations of racism after a man claimed he and his friends were denied entry because



A large swath of the city's financial district remained closed Tuesday morning due to an unstable spire on top of the luxury hotel and condo. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JOE O'CONNAL

they were wearing turbans. A spokesperson for the restaurant countered the allegations by saying the establishment was at capacity. The eatery has also been panned by critics, at least one of whom called it "tacky."

3. Art in the dark

A \$1.2-million light art installation designed by Michael Snow was supposed to adorn the facade of the hotel — in fact, it was a condition of the building's approval. However, after being tested in 2013, the

lights were turned off. The fate of the project remains in limbo.

4. Falling glass

Panels of glass fell off the hotel twice in 2012, sparking concerns about safety. Another scare happened last year, caus-

ing police to cordon off the street as a precaution.

5. Legal woes

The hotel has been embroiled in legal battles since it opened in 2012. Initially, Talon sued a number of buyers for trying to renege on their investments. A group of investors countersued, alleging the developers had misrepresented the risk associated with the property. Although he acknowledged Talon's marketing materials were "deceptive," Justice Paul Perell sided with the company in a July ruling that said buyers should have known that "all investments are risky."

6. Labour struggles

After complaining about working conditions, cleaning and hospitality staff at the Trump Hotel led a successful union drive earlier this year. Many of the staff are immigrants, and the new union staged a rally in front of the tower Aug. 6 to protest presidential hopeful Donald Trump's assertion that foreign workers are criminals and "rapists." WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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IN BRIEF

Kelowna gardener grows monster cucumber

The record for the world's longest cucumber may belong to a Kelowna, B.C., man.

Daniel Tomelin, 54, said his garden has produced a cucumber beyond his wildest expectations.

"I let the thing grow, and it was just starting to touch the ground, and I was kind of saying, 'What is the world's largest cucumber?' I didn't even have a clue." On the Guinness World Records website he learned the record for the longest cuke is 105 centimetres. He said he was gobsmacked when his measured 108 centimetres. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Dan Tomelin THE CANADIAN PRESS

Numbers say 'recession'

ECONOMY

Real GDP contracted for two quarters: StatsCan

Canada's economy hit reverse for the second straight quarter of 2015 — knocking the country into its first technical recession in six years, Statistics Canada data revealed Tuesday.

But the data suggests the recessionary dip could, perhaps, already be passing.

The federal agency said real

gross domestic product contracted at an annual pace of 0.5 per cent in the April-June quarter, which followed a revised decline of 0.8 per cent in the first three months of 2015.

There were positives tucked in the highly anticipated figures, however. The second-quarter drop was only half as steep as a consensus of economists had predicted and there was evidence that the decline had bottomed out.

Canada's GDP climbed in June by 0.5 per cent after shrinking over the first five months of 2015. The last time the economy experienced a



Stephen Harper. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

one-month gain of at least 0.5 per cent was July 2013 when it grew by 0.63 per cent.

The June increase was led by a 3.1 per cent boost in natural

resources extraction — the category's first gain following seven consecutive months of decline.

"There's nothing to cheer

about in the Canadian GDP numbers, but there's no reason for any more booing than we've already had," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said Tuesday.

Stephen Harper, whose Conservative party has pinned its Oct. 19 re-election hopes on its economic record, tried to highlight the positives in Tuesday's new data.

"The Canadian economy as a whole is now growing, according to the June figures," Harper told reporters.

"That is the reality of the situation — it is good news."

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ELECTION 2015

Rival leaders seize opportunity

The opposition parties wasted no time pouncing Tuesday when Prime Minister Stephen Harper said "we've had a few weak months" after Statistics Canada reported the economy met the technical definition of a recession at the end of June.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair said the new numbers were a clear indi-

cator that Conservative economic policies simply were not working.

"Mr. Harper's plan has failed. That's an objective fact," Mulcair told supporters in Kelowna, B.C.

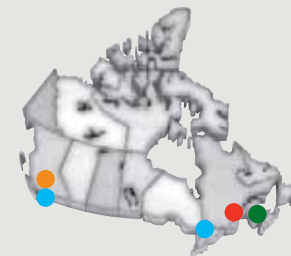
Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau allowed that the size of the recession might be marginal, but he said the bigger picture is that Canadians have been living with

the reality of a weak economy for months now and don't need official numbers to confirm what they already know.

"What they would have needed is that politicians, rather than getting hung up on definitions, invest in their future and in their jobs," he said in Gatineau, Que.

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WHERE THE LEADERS ARE WEDNESDAY



• **Stephen Harper** will be in North Bay, Ont., and Abbotsford, B.C.

• **Justin Trudeau** will be in Quebec City and Trois-Rivières, Que.

• **Tom Mulcair** will be in Kamloops, B.C.

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Pope urging mercy

VATICAN

Francis lets priests grant absolution for abortion

Pope Francis is applying his vision of a merciful church to women who have had abortions, easing their path toward forgiveness and saying he realizes some felt they had no choice but to make "this agonizing and painful decision."

In a letter published Tuesday by the Holy See, Francis said he was allowing all rank-and-file priests to grant absolution during the Year of Mercy he has proclaimed, which runs Dec. 8, 2015 until Nov. 20, 2016.

The Roman Catholic Church views abortion as such a grave sin that it put the matter of granting forgiveness for an abortion in the hands of a bishop, who could either hear the woman's confession himself or delegate that to a priest who is expert in such situations.

Now, Francis is making it possible for women to bypass



Pope Francis attends a service during the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Tuesday. RICCARDO DE LUCA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

this formalized process in the approaching special Year of Mercy while putting the stress on "contrite" hearts.

In a statement after the Pope's letter, the Vatican made clear that "forgiveness of the sin of abortion does not con-

done abortion nor minimize its grave effects. The newness is clearly Pope Francis' pastoral approach."

Francis made clear he isn't downplaying the gravity of abortion, which the church essentially views as equivalent to

murder. But he emphasized that abortion is an intensely personal, often anguished choice for women. "I have met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonizing and painful decision," he wrote.

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HEALTH

Midlife obesity linked to earlier Alzheimer's

One more reason to watch the waistline: New research says people's weight in middle age may influence not just whether they go on to develop Alzheimer's disease, but when.

Obesity in midlife has long been suspected of increasing the risk of Alzheimer's. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health took a closer look and reported Tuesday that being overweight or obese at age 50 may affect the age, years later, when Alzheimer's strikes. Among those who eventually got sick, more midlife pounds meant an earlier onset of disease. It will take larger studies to prove if the flip side is true — that keeping trim during middle age might stall later-in-life Alzheimer's. But it probably won't hurt.

"Maintaining a healthy BMI at midlife is likely to have long-lasting protective effects," said Dr. Madhav Thambisetty of NIH's National Institute on Aging, who led the study reported in *Molecular Psychiatry*.

To explore obesity's effects, Thambisetty's team turned to the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging, one of the

+ SILENT START

Cure still elusive

Alzheimer's starts quietly ravaging the brain more than a decade before symptoms appear. With a cure so far elusive, researchers are hunting ways to at least delay the disease, and lifestyle changes are among the possible options.

longest-running projects to track what happens to healthy people as they get older.

The researchers tracked BMI, or body mass index, a measure of weight to height. Every step up on the BMI chart predicted that when Alzheimer's eventually struck, it would be 6-1/2 months sooner. In other words, someone who had been obese — a BMI of 30 — during middle age on average had their dementia strike about a year earlier than someone whose midlife BMI was 28, in the overweight range, Thambisetty explained.

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Oil firms cutting 900 jobs

ENERGY

Sector has lost 35,000 positions so far this year

A wave of layoffs is hitting the energy sector as two oil and gas companies cut a total of 900 jobs, mostly in Calgary.

Penn West Petroleum is cut-

ting its workforce by 35 per cent for a loss of over 400 full-time employees and contractors. And ConocoPhillips Canada plans to lay off 400 employees and 100 contractors, for a 15 per cent workforce reduction.

Penn West says most of the job cuts it announced Tuesday are effective immediately, while ConocoPhillips told its employees on Monday that its workforce reduction will happen by mid-October. Spokes-

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Penn West has cut its capital spending plan to \$500 million — a 40 per cent reduction from its original plan to spend \$840 million in 2015.

man Rob Evans said the ConocoPhillips cuts are part of a 10

per cent staff global reduction by the U.S. major producer.

The job cuts come as the industry continues to grapple with oil prices below \$50 US a barrel, compared with more than \$100 US a barrel last summer, with no big recovery in sight.

Penn West has also suspended its dividend, cut board compensation by 40 to 50 per cent, and further reduced this year's capital budget by \$75 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS



ConocoPhillips Canada is cutting around 400 jobs following a plunge in oil prices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

INTERNET

Google unveils its redesigned logo

Google is refining its famous logo as it prepares to become a part of a new holding company called Alphabet.

The revised design unveiled Tuesday features the same mix of blue, red, yellow and green that Google has been using throughout its nearly 17-year history, though the hues are slightly different shades.

Google also invented a new typeface called "Product Sans" that is meant to resemble the simple printing in a grade-school book. It will replace a serif typeface that Google has been using for more than 16 years. The "e" in the company's name will remain slightly tilted



Google's revised look.

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to reflect Google's sometimes off-kilter thinking.

The overhaul will change the appearance of the letter "g" that Google uses as its shorthand logo on the smaller screens of smartphones and other mobile devices. The "g" will now be capitalized and displayed in colour instead of being kept lowercase and white.

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IN BRIEF

Canadians have low emergency savings: BMO

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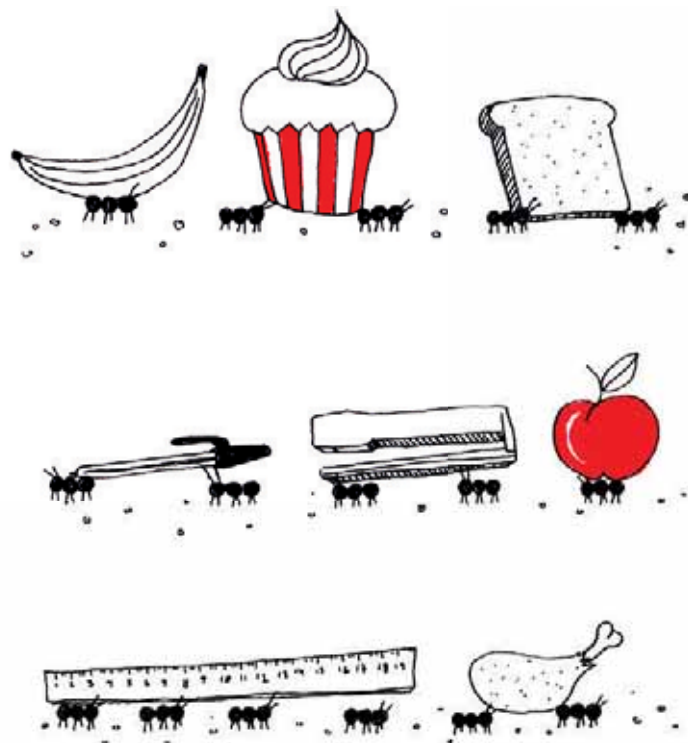


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THE QUESTION

Someone is eating at my desk when I'm not there, and I find it totally disgusting. Can you please write a column about this so I can leave it for the person to see?



Dear Ellen,

Someone is eating at my desk when I'm not there, and I find it totally disgusting. Can you please write a column about this so I can leave it on my desk for the person to see next time they want to chow down at my computer station?

Mia in Calgary

Dear Mia,

Normally I would suggest you speak to the person directly, rather than leaving this column lying on your desk, which could be construed as passive-aggressive. That's its own form of bad manners.

In this case, however, since you don't know the identity of the perpetrator, and since I am always happy to gain new readers, why don't I directly confront this person for you, right here, right now?

Dear Rude, Messy Slob Who Is Secretly Eating at Someone Else's Desk:

It's hard to know where to begin, so let's begin charitably. The fact that you are performing a bodily function in the small, personal space that your co-worker Mia has carved out for herself is not the worst crime on Earth. Perhaps there is a perfectly reasonable explanation. Like: Hers is the only desk, and there is no other horizontal surface within walking distance. Or your job is to test

envelopes containing powdery substances that could be anthrax, and so, understandably, you don't want to eat at your own desk. Or maybe you work on the International Space Station, and Mia's desk is the only one equipped with centrifuge gravity simulators that will keep your plate of irradiated protein and rehydrated spuds in place.

But if none of these situations apply to you, then please know that it is unacceptable for you to eat without permission in another person's workspace. I don't know how to make this any clearer. In fact, Mia, why don't you grab a high-

lighter and run it over the next sentence before proping this column up on your keyboard?

DEAR RUDE, MESSY SLOB: STOP EATING AT OTHER PEOPLE'S DESKS.

Some of you may be thinking it's too harsh to call someone a Rude, Messy Slob. Although it may not be the worst crime on earth (or even in space), to eat at someone else's desk, it is irrefutably rude and sloppy to leave the evidence behind.

If you're going to sit in my chair (maybe my desk has a better view, maybe it's next to the person you want to dine with, maybe you work in a tanning factory and your

own desk is right next to the chemical soup that dehairst the pelts — I understand), and you're careful not to leave crumbs, and you don't muck about with my papers and possessions, and I never know you've been there, well, no harm, no foul.

But if you're the kind of supremely selfish person who either doesn't notice or doesn't care about leaving splatters and gunk and wrappers behind, then you are a rude, messy slob, my friend.

And I'd thank you to keep away from my desk.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The media, to Harper, is a mostly unnecessary evil

Mohamed Fahmy, once again, is in jail in Egypt.

This time, Stephen Harper appears upset enough to speak about the Canadian journalist's case — on Twitter.

"Canada continues to call on Egypt for the immediate and full release of Mr. Fahmy, and full co-operation to facilitate his return home," he, or the handler of his Twitter handle, tweeted.

I don't doubt our government is trying to secure his freedom, even if, as some argue, it's not trying hard enough. (Strong lobbying from Australia's prime minister helped secure the deportation of Fahmy's Aussie co-accused in February.)

But Harper must know respect for journalism cuts both ways — as in, if you call for it in Egypt, you might want to be sure you're practising it at home.

Fahmy has been sentenced for a second time on what his lawyer Amal Clooney called "sham" charges, amid Egypt's crackdown on the media.

The Conservatives say, vaguely, they've been pushing at the "highest level" for his release and return to Canada.

An iPolitics editorial notes that "If Harper offered more details, Fahmy's case would surely get more media coverage — which would intensify the pressure on (Egyptian President Abdel Fattah) al-Sisi to respond."

But that would require sharing information with the press at home. And that would be a dramatic 180 for the PM.

If we're to go by his actions, Harper's interest in the press here is either nonexistent or invisible. He rarely speaks to reporters, and he's been pilloried for silencing public servants. The media — as many of my colleagues have aptly detailed — is, to Harper, a mostly unnecessary evil.

His government views sharing information with the public as a discretionary gift, not a necessity. In this case, it could be argued that has aided the stripping of freedoms of a Canadian citizen abroad.

Freedom of the press exists on a continuum. It doesn't only mean you don't jail reporters for doing their jobs (Fahmy was convicted of "spreading false news" among other charges). Shutting out reporters from campaign rallies in Vancouver for asking about marijuana, refusing any questions during a whole six-day junket in Calgary, and taking the general view that you don't owe the press, or the people, anything — that, too, is an attack on press freedom.

Fahmy's family has been running a #HarperCallEgypt campaign on Twitter since February. Perhaps after that, he could give one of our many respected political reporters the time of day.

If you're the kind of person who doesn't notice or care about leaving splatters and gunk and wrappers around, then you are a rude, messy slob, my friend.

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Let's do lunch boxes right

BACK TO SCHOOL

Plan ahead and mix it up to keep kids interested

With the start of school right around the corner, now is the time to brainstorm with your kids to line up some new recipes and fun ideas for lunches.

Experts advise that if children have some say in what they eat, it's more likely lunch boxes will be returned home with just crumbs instead of uneaten food.

"One of the ways we can ensure kids eat their lunch is for them to be involved, so if they do feel some ownership over their lunch and they get to choose some of the items, they're more likely to eat them," says registered dietitian Kate Comeau.

Have everyone suggest their favourite lunch and snack and keep a list on the fridge or other prominent spot in the kitchen, says Comeau, spokeswoman for Dietitians of Canada, during an interview from Halifax.

"Keep that page handy so that when you're going grocery shopping and making lunches, you can ensure those foods are readily available and there's lots of variety."

Weekend planning and prepping lunches the night before can go far to alleviate morning mayhem.

"On a Sunday afternoon, instead of sitting down and watch-



Have your kids pick from among a selection of foods they like and pack them in a sectioned lunch kit. ALL PHOTOS THE CANADIAN PRESS

“On a Sunday afternoon, instead of sitting down and watching a movie, why not make a homemade granola recipe.”

Kate Comeau, Dietitians of Canada

ing a movie, why not make a homemade granola recipe and talk about measuring ingredi-

ents and talk about all the skills that are related to cooking," says Comeau.

"The idea here is the more confidence they have, the more

you are empowering them for the future that they'll be able to actively continue to pack their lunch as adults, which we know is a healthier choice."

You can make packed lunches more appealing by giving family members the option to customize their meals, and mix it up from week to week.

Have available a variety of

bread — pita, whole-grain buns, wraps — along with additions like roasted chickpeas, cut-up cheese and sliced cucumber, red pepper and tomato. Offer hummus or baba ghanouj as a switch from butter or mayonnaise.

Sunflower seed butter and soybean butter can be substituted for peanut butter, which is often banned from schools due to allergies.

For those who don't like to veer from their favourite sandwich, prep a loaf's worth and wrap and freeze a bunch of lunches individually, suggests TV host and magazine publisher Ricardo Larrivée.

Tired of sandwiches? Experiment with salads containing different grains such as wild rice, millet and freekeh.

"For a less adventurous eater you might stick with something like white rice, which is bit bland, and then add in a little bit of a new grain to try, but having something like a wild rice salad with cranberries and almonds and a little bit of chopped chicken on top can be a great lunch," says Comeau.

Pack a water bottle, not juice boxes, in lunches, adds Comeau.

"Remember that kids don't need juice. Packing water and a piece of fruit is always going to be more nourishing," she says.

Orange sections, melon cubes or grapes packed in a small container are easy to pop into the mouth. Some parents cut an apple into wedges, then reassemble the fruit and hold it together with a rubber band to lessen browning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BUILD-YOUR-OWN KITS

Tame picky eaters

When it comes to school lunches, variety is important to keep kids from getting bored. A healthy mix also provides different nutrients. "No one fruit or no one vegetable is going to give you everything that your body needs, so the more variety, the better chances we have of covering off our bases," says Kate Comeau, spokeswoman for Dietitians of Canada.



The more variety the better.

Dietician Kate Comeau

When it comes to picky eaters, research shows that the more kids try a food the more likely they're going to like it.

"The biggest advice we can give to parents is to not give up," says Comeau.

A popular idea for picky eaters is build-your-own lunch kits. Put something from each of the four food groups in each part of a sectioned container.

"Maybe you'd have pita triangles in one, cheese cubes and hummus and sliced cucumbers. Your child can pick the four things they like and they won't be touching or mixed up," suggests Comeau.

"And don't panic if one of those four sections comes home and it's not eaten ... try again the next day and see what they'd like." THE CANADIAN PRESS

FUN FOOD-TO-GO

Breakfast in a bar

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup natural bran
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries or raisins
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds or chopped walnuts (for a nut-free option, replace almonds or walnuts with dried fruits)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce

- 1/2 cup 1 per cent milk
- 3 Tbsp packed brown sugar

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an eight-inch square baking pan with cooking spray; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine oats, bran, wheat germ, flour, dried cranberries, almonds, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg.

In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, applesauce, milk and brown sugar. Pour over dry ingredients and mix just to combine. Spread into prepared baking pan, smooth-



ing top.

Bake in preheated oven until toothpick inserted near centre comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool in pan

on a wire rack before cutting into bars.

Makes 16 snack-size or eight meal-sized bars.

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CELEBRATION RICE

This colourful lunch salad, which combines poultry, rice, vegetables and dried cranberries, is a great way to use up leftover cooked turkey or chicken and also adaptable for vegetarians.

Ingredients

- 1 cup wild rice or wild rice blend
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped cucumber or celery
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup diced cooked turkey or chicken (Omit for vegetarian version; replace with cooked beans or lentils, if desired)
- 1/2 cup crumbled light feta cheese
- 3 Tbsp raspberry vinaigrette

Directions

In a pot, cover wild rice with water and bring to a boil.

Cover slightly and simmer for about 30 minutes or until rice is tender.

Drain well and place in a large bowl.

Add green onions, cucumber and cranberries.

If using, add chicken and feta. Add vinaigrette and toss well to combine.

Makes six 1-cup servings.

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WORD OF MOUTH

Adding spice to dishes can make you feel full sooner

WORD OF MOUTH

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Things are starting to heat up in the arena of overeating.

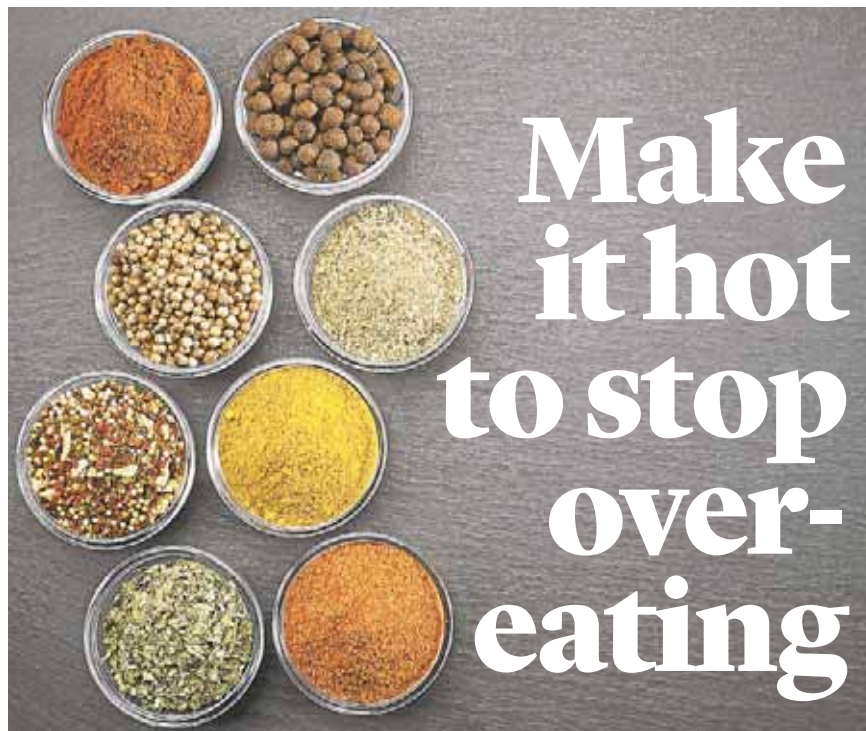
Did you know that your stomach has nerve sensors that feel pressure from the inside when you eat? The Japanese have a term called Hara Hachi Bu which means to "eat only until you feel 80 per cent full."

Recent research indicates that eating spicy foods can encourage those nerves to respond a little more quickly.

This means that you may be able to feel full when you are at that 80 per cent mark rather than at the 125 per cent of a buffet dinner.

Here are some ways to spice up your food

- Add a dash of spice to hot chocolate as they do in Mexico
- Use chopped jalapenos in salads
- Keep a jar of hot peppers



Make it hot to stop over-eating

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in the fridge and add to every sandwich

- Choose spicy versions of your favourite condiments
- Keep hot chili pepper flakes on the table with your salt and pepper to remind you to punch it up

- Use sriracha sauce where ever you would use ketchup
- Double up on the black pepper

Of course, what you put the spice on matters more than the spice itself. You can heat

up fish and chips with chipotle mayo all you want and you will still be behind in the game of trying not to overeat.

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COMFORT FOOD

Keep it in your pantry the Alice Waters way

When it comes to aspirational cooking, it's tough to top Martha Stewart and Alice Waters.

But while you may never master Stewart's frustratingly perfect soufflés and multi-tiered cakes, most of Waters' recipes fall on a more manageable spectrum (though you may falter at replicating the aspirationally high earnestness with which she presents them). And therein lies the difference: Stewart's bar is based on perfection, while Waters' is keyed to finding simple comforts in each season.

And that is a pleasant notion to pursue. Waters, the driving force behind Berkeley, Calif.'s iconic Chez Panisse restaurant and author of numerous cookbooks, deftly imbues her often basic and nearly always seasonal recipes with feelings

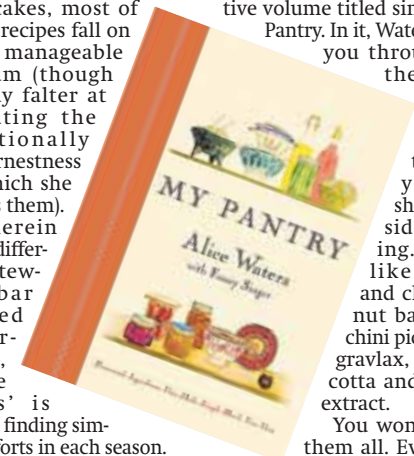
you want to evoke. And you can come away feeling better for having chased the comfort found in her recipes.

All of this comes into play in her latest cookbook, a diminutive volume titled simply, *My Pantry*. In it, Waters walks

you through not the basics you should buy, but those you should consider making. Things like tahini and chocolate nut bark, zucchini pickles and gravlax, fresh ricotta and vanilla extract.

You won't make them all. Even Waters acknowledges this isn't a to-do list of must-have items. They are basic, comforting foods you may want depending on your time and place and mood. And she's happy to show you how.

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Djokovic fuelled by plants

NUTRITION

Tennis star says he got gluten sensitivity from pizza, pancakes

Eva Kis
Metro in New York

Does Novak Djokovic drink wine? That seems like a good question to ask during a wine-tasting event at which he's the guest of honor.

But Djokovic, the world No. 1 who is in New York City for the next two weeks and considered a favourite at the U.S. Open, abstained at a recent event — even while cooking a personal recipe of pasta and shrimp. Obviously, he's made of tougher stuff than the rest of us.

So what does go into that finely honed machine to make it run? Not gluten and dairy.

Growing up in Serbia, Djokovic worked as a waiter and dishwasher in his family's Italian-influenced restaurant — he describes the menu as “a lot of pizzas.” His homeland is also famous for its pancakes, which he says meant “wheat was a part of my everyday life — we have baker-



Novak Djokovic once worked at his family's Italian-influenced restaurant in Serbia, but these days he mostly stays away from gluten, except when carb loading before games. GETTY IMAGES

ies around every corner.”

Being surrounded by gluten took its toll, and he gave it up along with dairy five years ago. “I have a strong kind of sensitivity to gluten because of overconsumption of it,” he says.

That eased once he stopped constantly eating it, and Djokovic can now indulge in carbo-loading before

tournaments. He also sticks to proteins that are on the lighter side. “I try to have as little animal food as possible,” he says, preferring to get his fuel from plant-based sources like mushrooms, whey, tofu and chickpeas. When he does eat meat, it's chicken, fish and turkey. And don't make the food spicy, other-

wise “you would see me more off the court than on the court.”

Though Djokovic leaves meal prep to professionals these days, he cooks with the same laid-back, playful attitude as he plays with — talking to the ingredients and, fun fact, getting squeamish about head-on shrimp.

BEER Crafty IPAs

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If you want to know what's driving the current trend in crafty beer it can be summed up in three letters: IPA.

Translating to India Pale Ale; IPAs are revered for their very hoppy personality and typically higher alcohol level. They got their name thanks to British breweries adding excessive hops to their brews before shipping them to India back in the late 1700s.

The high hopping helped the beer survive the long, turbulent sea voyage, as well as giving them a distinctively aggressive flavour that, to this day, remains a huge hit worldwide.

North American brewers have all but surpassed their U.K. counterparts in IPA production, with Chicago's Goose Island Brewery making waves on both sides of the pond.

Now too big to be considered a true craft brewery (it's owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev) Goose Island's IPA (6x341ml, \$12.29-\$13.99) has a nice balance of hop and malt that doesn't pound on your palate so you can have more than one glass.



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Whopper of a moneymaker

Chris Brown recently revealed that he owns a bunch of Burger King restaurants. Turns out he's one of a number of celebrities who supersize their success with fast-food franchises. **AFP**

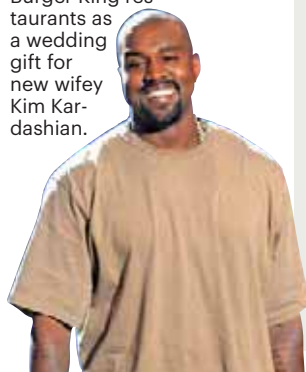
Chris Brown: Burger King

In a fun facts list published in US Weekly magazine, Brown revealed that he's a franchisee for the home of the Whopper and owns 14 Burger King restaurants across the U.S. And while the franchise partnership may sound incongruous to the glamorous life of an R&B singer, he's the latest celebrity to turn to franchising as a way to invest his money and have it work for him.



Kanye West: Fatburger, Burger King

A fan of the West Coast burger brand, Yeezy opened a slew of Fatburger restaurants in his home town of Chicago. Last year, it was reported that the rapper also bought 10 Burger King restaurants as a wedding gift for new wifey Kim Kardashian.



Magic Johnson: Burger King, TGI Friday's

Brown follows in the rather big footsteps of former Lakers star Earvin "Magic" Johnson who owns 30 Burger King restaurants. He also owns several AMC Theaters and a TGI Friday's restaurant.



Venus Williams: Jamba Juice

On the lighter side of fast franchising stands Venus Williams, who owns four Jamba Juice locations in the Washington, D.C. area. The tennis star says the brand jives with her healthy lifestyle, and she's also the company's celebrity spokeswoman.



Peyton Manning: Papa John's

It's the perfect tie-in: As the junk food of choice among football fans, star player Peyton Manning made the decision to become a franchisee of Papa John's, the official pizza brand of the NFL. It's estimated he owns 21 restaurants in Denver.



Shaquille O'Neal: Auntie Anne's

Enamoured with the soft pretzels served at Auntie Anne's, the retired NBA star has taken on 19 stores across the U.S. and is also investing in Five Guys Burger and Fries.



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Not-so-suave comment

007

Horowitz apologies for saying Elba not right for role

The author of the new James Bond novel apologized on Tuesday after he said that British actor Idris Elba is "too 'street' for Bond."

Anthony Horowitz, who wrote *Trigger Mortis*, made the comment in an interview with the *Daily Mail* newspaper, published over the weekend.

Elba, 42, has been rumoured to be among the actors considered to replace Daniel Craig as the next Bond. He would be the first black actor to play the spy should he be cast.

"Idris Elba is a terrific actor, but I can think of other black actors who would do it better," Horowitz was quoted saying. "It's not a colour issue ... Is it a question of being suave? Yeah."

Horowitz said Tuesday he was thinking of Elba's gritty detective role in the BBC crime drama *Luther* during the interview, and did not mean to cause



Actor Idris Elba is allegedly being considered to become the next Bond. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

offence.

"In the article I expressed the opinion that to my mind Adrian Lester would be a better choice but I'm a writer, not a casting director, so what do I know?" he said in a statement that was posted to his Twitter account.

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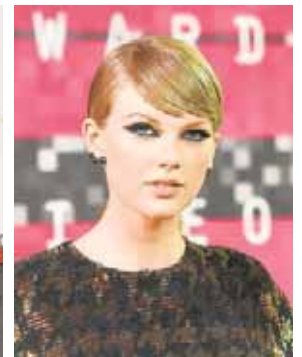
For me, Idris Elba is a bit too rough to play the part. It's not a colour issue.

Author Anthony Horowitz



BAD BLOOD

McKellen vs. Swift



IN HOLLYWOOD

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While Ian McKellen's BFF, Patrick Stewart, might have been thrilled at the prospect of joining the ever-ballooning ranks of Taylor Swift's squad, McKellen himself is in no rush.

In fact, he even turned down Swift's invitation to make a cameo at one of her recent L.A. gigs. Saying no to Swift? Apparently it is possible.

So why did the X-Men and Lord of the Rings star decline

the offer? It turns out the two have a bit of a history.

"When I was living in Peter Jackson's apartment in New York, Taylor Swift bought it while I was there and I was thrown out before I wanted to leave. That hardly puts me in Taylor Swift's team, does it?" McKellen reveals to *Gay Star News*.

"She bought it, she had every right to. I was just lodging there for free. She did ask me to appear with Patrick Stewart at her show in L.A., but I had something else to do that night."

That is some impressive shade, sir.

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IN BRIEF

Attorney anticipating guilty plea

Russell Taylor, former director of a foundation created by ex-Subway spokesman Jared Fogle, will plead guilty to child pornography charges, according to his attorney Brad Banks.

Taylor was charged in May with seven counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

Fogle is also expected to plead guilty at a hearing in November. He faces federal charges of distribution and receipt of child pornography and travelling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

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Flipper's trainer detained

Ric O'Barry, an American who trained dolphins for the 1960s *Flipper* TV series, was arrested for not carrying his passport while in Japan to protest a dolphin hunt due to begin this week.

Japanese law requires that foreign visitors carry their passports or another acceptable form of ID.

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THE HILLS

Lauren Conrad accepts basic status

Good news, everyone. Former *The Hills* star Lauren Conrad has come to terms with her basic-ness.

Last year, *Allure* dubbed her as such, prompting Conrad to chafe at the insult on Twitter. But apparently she's reconsidered.

"I'm probably pretty basic," she tells *Cosmo* in the



magazine's cover story on her. "But I'm also a pretty happy person, so that's OK with me."

Well, good. None of this, however, answers the question of why Conrad is getting a *Cosmo* cover to begin with, but some of life's mysteries will never be solved, I suppose.

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SPIDER-MAN

'That's canning Coke'

Andrew Garfield has had a lot of time to think about his time playing Spider-Man for two films before Sony's recent decision to once again reboot the franchise, and his thoughts have not been pleasant.

"(The films are) mass-marketed. Like, 'We want 50-year-old white men to love it, gay teenagers to love it, bigot homophobes in Middle America to love it, 11-year-old



girls to love it.' That's canning Coke. So that was a bummer," Garfield tells the *Playlist*.

"I understand people want to make a lot of money, and they're going to spend a lot of money so the playpen can be as big as it was."

"I can't live that way. It sounds like a prison, to be honest, living within those expectations." Yikes.

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Here's one for the off-road

“Toyota has stuffed the available TRD Off-Road edition with features that make it one of the most trail-capable pickups of any size.”

REVIEW

Multi-terrain selector, 'crawl control' among Tacoma's tricks



Jil McIntosh
Metro | Canada

As before, the Tacoma comes as an Access Cab with rear-hinged back doors, or as a Double Cab with four regular doors, and in two- or four-wheel drive.

The redesigned cabin looks more upscale than before, but unfortunately the seating position hasn't changed. The seats are still set low on a high floor, and my leg gets cramped because I'm forced to sit with my knee too straight.

For those of us who love trucks, it's always exciting to get behind the wheel of a new model. That was the case recently with the redesigned 2016 Toyota Tacoma, which I drove not just on-road, but on a punishing off-road course, too.

While its pavement performance rates about the same as with the outgoing Tacoma, Toyota has stuffed the available TRD Off-Road edition with features that make it one of the most trail-capable pickups of any size.

A 2.7-litre four-cylinder is carried over, while the 3.5-litre V6 is all-new. It uses technology that automatically adjusts the fuel delivery and engine performance to improve fuel economy, depending on the power needed, and is available with a six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

The off-road model's tricks include a multi-terrain selector to dial in the best automatic settings for snow, mud, sand or rocks, and a "crawl control" feature that works like low-speed cruise control. Once it's set, all you have to do is steer while the Tacoma pulls itself up or down the steepest hills. And if you want to prove it to your friends, a GoPro camera mount on the windshield is standard equipment on all models.

Towing capacity increases to 6,500 lbs. (2,548 kg), but Toyota says that smaller trucks are usually used more for hauling, and so payload rises to 1,620 lbs. (735 kg), and the tailgate has been reinforced to better handle ATVs and dirt bikes.

The new truck goes on sale later this month.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 TOYOTA TACOMA

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact pickup truck

Engine (hp/torque). 2.7-litre four-cylinder (159/180); 3.5-litre V6 (278/265)

Transmissions. 5-speed manual (I4); 6-speed manual (V6); 6-speed automatic

Price. TBA

COOL FEATURES

- Standard fog lamps and heated mirrors
- GoPro windshield mount
- Qi wireless smartphone charging
- Available sunroof
- Locking and damped tailgate
- Available blind spot monitoring and cross-traffic alert
- Composite cargo bed



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

POINTS

- The V6's fuel-saving technology is also used on some Lexus models.
- The off-road package has an impressive approach angle of 32.1 degrees to handle rough terrain.
- New noise-suppressing features result in an extremely quiet cabin.
- The new frame is designed so that existing aftermarket accessories designed for the outgoing truck will still fit.
- A backup camera, and driver and passenger knee airbags, are standard on all models.

MARKET POSITION

While the full-size pickup segment is the most popular, compact and midsize trucks still take a slice of the market. Toyota's biggest concern is GM's new trucks, and this update, along with the improved off-road capability, should keep the Tacoma in the running.

THE COMPETITION



Chevrolet Colorado
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A focus on "soft skills" at the places that fix and service our vehicles would lead to greater customer satisfaction, a recent Canadian survey suggests. ISTOCK

Auto service could
improve, socially

VISITING THE SHOP

Customer
discontent not
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If you ever want to bring it down after a period of feeling too good, I find nothing works better than hanging around a service department or service shop waiting room, especially when it's full of nervous, pacing customers.

It's quite the vibe!

So we are not shocked at the results of a recent Canadian survey that asked how satisfied people were with the professional establishments that fixed and/or serviced their vehicles.

Turns out, the shops have room for improvement.

"There is significant opportunity to improve the service experience, as just 15 per cent of all service occasions in the last 12 months resulted in an overall customer satisfaction rating of 10 (out of 10), compared with 67 per cent of service occasions rated 8 or below," noted J.D. Ney, manager of the Canadian automotive practice at J.D. Power.

But what J.D. Power found interesting about these results, and the results of similar studies done over the last few years, was the source of the discontent.

Before, service shops were screwing up the actual work; now they're just screwing up the social interaction part.

Ney noted that "fixed right the first time" was a challenge for shops in past decades, but now it's happening 92 to 93 per cent of the time.

"Today customers expect you fix the problem.... Just by fixing it (the shops) are just meeting the very base level of expectation."

He adds that people today are more apt to gauge the happiness level of their service experience on how they were treated by the people in charge

of interacting with them, and the current level of that interaction is not that good.

"I think what the automotive service industry has lacked for a long time is a focus on what might be called the softer skills."

This relates more to how the service adviser or technician greets the customer, and how they interact, inform and advise their customers as they move through the service experience.

In fact, Ney feels auto shops, both dealerships and otherwise, would be wise to adopt the Starbucks "barista" mentality, which is just as much about welcoming and making the customer feel good about his decision to visit Starbucks as it is about making the perfect iced peppermint white chocolate mocha.

"If my barista can say hello to me and smile when I walk in, why can't the service adviser, especially when I'm spending much more money there than I do at Starbucks?"

With more dependable vehicles that also need less maintenance, Ney notes that we now tend to visit service facilities only two or three times a year, with a definite trend to only twice a year. That means more items need to be addressed when we do visit, and sometimes shop staff do a poor job at explaining why all this stuff needs to be done then and why it costs what it does.

They call them "soft skills" but they are often hard to come by in people populating service industry positions, automotive and otherwise.

+ SURVEY SAYS ...

- Lexus dealerships rank highest in satisfying automotive service customers in Canada.
- NAPA Autopro ranks second, while VW dealerships rank third.
- Dealers are more apt to conduct a multi-point vehicle inspection.
- \$232 is the average amount spent on a service visit last year.
- 46 per cent exclusively patronize aftermarket service facilities, while 33 per cent exclusively patronize dealership service departments.
- 21 per cent go back and forth between the two.

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USED CARS

Off-lease Leafs get lofty lauds

The all-electric Nissan Leaf sedan is a better-than-average choice among used cars, according to independent product watchdog Consumer Reports. And now is an especially good time to buy, if you can find one. That might soon become easier as the first 2011 Leafs approach the end of their leases. The sedan scored well when the magazine first tested it, impressing with its quietness, smooth operation and interior space. It gave the 2011 model its highest rating, "much better than average." The 2012 and 2014 models got a "better than average" rating while the 2013 Leaf scored "average." Used Leafs still might be difficult to find, however; Nissan is offering incentives to its U.S. customers of between \$5,000 and \$7,000 to buy their cars at end of lease.

+ FUEL ECONOMY

BMW previews water-injection technology

BMW has developed a water-injection system that it says offers improved performance and fuel economy.

The automaker's latest three-cylinder 1 Series prototype is fitted with water-injection technology that creates lower combustion temperatures and improves fuel economy by up to eight

per cent. Lower combustion temperatures bring improved economy and reduce the risk of the engine developing "knock," allowing it to run a higher compression ratio than normal. BMW's system, says Gizmag, draws water from a small tank and sprays a fine mist into the intake manifold plenum where it evaporates, reducing temperatures by about 25 C.

TESLA

From 'Insane' to 'Ludicrous'

Tesla Motors has added a \$10,000 US option it calls "Ludicrous" to its newest Model S variant that gets to 96 km/h from zero in a cheek-stretching 2.8 seconds. That's 0.1 second quicker than Porsche's gasoline-powered performance flagship 911 Turbo S, and almost a half second quicker than the "Insane" mode setting on Tesla's previous high-end model, the Model S P85D.



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Extra special ending

MLB

Low-key second baseman latest Jay to step up in big moment

Ryan Goins hit a two-run home run in the 10th inning to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Edwin Encarnacion had an RBI sac fly in the first inning for Toronto (75-57), but was held hitless for the rest of the game to end his 26-game hitting streak.

Encarnacion's streak was the second longest in Blue Jays history, behind Shawn Green's 28-game roll in 1999.

Marco Estrada (11-8) pitched seven innings, striking out two but only allowing five hits. He was relieved by Aaron Sanchez, Roberto Osuna, Brett Cecil and Mark Lowe.

Lowe was the pitcher of record, earning the win after picking up one out in the top of the

TUESDAY In Toronto

5 BLUE JAYS
3 INDIANS

10th inning.

Yan Gomes had a pair of home runs as Cleveland (64-67) had its six-game win streak snapped. Michael Brantley had a homer of his own in the fourth inning.

Cody Anderson (2-3) gave up two runs and three hits, with two strikeouts over six innings. Ryan Webb allowed a go-ahead run in the seventh and Jeff Manship retired three straight batters in the eighth. Brian Shaw allowed Goins homer after an inning and a third of work.

Catcher Dioner Navarro led off the 10th inning with a single to right field. After Kevin Pillar flied out to centre field, Goins came to the plate.

Goins put a 1-0 slider from Shaw over the right-field wall and was mobbed by his teammates at home plate while the



Second baseman Ryan Goins arrives at home plate to a mob of teammates after hitting a walk-off home run on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

crowd erupted.

Toronto got to Anderson in the first inning, as Encarnacion's sacrifice fly to deep

centre field gave Josh Donaldson enough time to run home from third base for a 1-0 lead.

Another sacrifice fly put the

Blue Jays up 2-0. Jose Bautista's popout to left field sent Goins home in the third inning.

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.778

By going 21-6, the Blue Jays' .778 winning percentage matched the 1938 New York Yankees, who own the American League record for victories in a month with 28 in 36 games that August.

49

No major-league team hit as many home runs last month as the Blue Jays, with MVP candidate Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion each contributing 11 and Jose Bautista adding 10.

170

Toronto's 170 runs scored in August led the majors at an average of 6.30 a game, better than the New York Mets, and their 720 runs this season are 90 better than the next-closest team.

87

The Blue Jays outscored opponents by 87 runs in August, improving their major-league-best run differential to plus-191, which is 51 more than the National League-leading St. Louis Cardinals.

7-1/2

Their August run allowed the Blue Jays to make up 7-1/2 games in the American League East — going from six back of the New York Yankees on the morning of Aug. 1 to 1-1/2 up on Sept. 1.

IN BRIEF

Wozniacki blows past U.S. Open greenhorn

Fourth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki was in quite a hurry Tuesday, needing just 67 minutes to win at the U.S. Open against an opponent making her Grand Slam debut. Those sorts of lopsided victories have been rare among the top women so far in the first round.

Of the first 25 seeded players to take the court, nine lost and half of the top 10 women are already out.

Wozniacki, last year's U.S. Open runner-up to Williams, beat NCAA champion Jamie Loeb 6-2, 6-0.

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Jackson keen to reunite with Lynch in Seattle

After being released by the Buffalo Bills, running back Fred Jackson is looking for an opportunity to reunite with former teammate Marshawn Lynch in Seattle.

Jackson travelled to Seattle to meet with the Seahawks on Tuesday, but coach Pete Carroll cautioned that no deal has been struck. Carroll said Jackson would be going through a physical.

"This is a visit for us. It's not a signing," Carroll said. "We have tremendous respect for Fred as a player. He's tough, he's sharp, he's smart, so we need to see where he is right now at 34 years old and see what he's like." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic promise made to test polluted Rio waters

Olympic organizers promised Tuesday to introduce viral testing in the polluted waters in Rio de Janeiro where about 1,400 athletes will compete in 2016.

The IOC and Brazilian organizers had repeatedly insisted that only bacterial testing was required despite an independent five-month analysis by The Associated Press showing dangerously high levels of viruses from human sewage at all Rio Olympic water venues.

Acknowledging that viral water testing was now necessary, local organizers said that they were studying how best to carry out the analysis.

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Andrew Wiggins runs into Argentina's Marcos Delia during on Tuesday. EDUARDO VERDUGO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIBA AMERICAS

Scola takes Canada to school

Luis Scola gave Canada's talented but inexperienced basketball team a lesson on just how hard it is to qualify for the Olympic Games.

The veteran power forward scored 35 points and added a game-high 13 rebounds to lead Argentina to a 94-87 win over Canada on Tuesday at the 2015 FIBA Americas basketball championship in Mexico City.

The Toronto Raptors, who signed Scola after last season, must have been thrilled watching the 35-year-old dominate the court like he was 10 years

TUESDAY In Mexico City

94 ARGENTINA
87 CANADA

younger. Scola bullied his way to rebounds, created turnovers and was accurate from two-point range. He had two steals and two assists while shooting 57 per cent from the floor.

Point guard Nicolas Laprovittola added 20 points and four assists for Argentina, which

opened with a 91-86 win over Puerto Rico on Monday.

Minnesota Timberwolves teammates Andrew Wiggins and Anthony Bennett led Canada with 13 points each, with Boston centre Kelly Olynyk adding 10 rebounds and Raptors point guard Cory Joseph dishing out seven assists.

Canada (0-1) will try to get back on track to qualify for the 2016 Olympics when it faces Cuba on Wednesday. The top two in the 10-team tournament qualify for the Rio Games.

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IN BRIEF

Toronto FC optimistic about Giovino after he drops out of Italy squad
TFC does not expect star forward Sebastian Giovino to miss too much action with his adductor injury.

Giovino has pulled out of the Italian squad because of the injury, which prompted him to leave Toronto's 2-1 win over Montreal on Saturday. Recalled by Italy for the first time since 2014, he flew to Italy and was checked out by Italian team doctors but was declared unfit for the European 2016 qualifying games against Malta and Bulgaria. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sebastian Giovino THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Playing the blame game

SOCCER

United and Madrid point fingers after De Gea fiasco

The deadline arrived, but the announcement never did.

In a surreal ending to the transfer window in Spain, the much-anticipated move of Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea to Real Madrid never materialized. The clubs had struck a deal that would see Madrid goalkeeper Keylor Navas move the other way, but it broke down because the necessary paperwork wasn't submitted on time.

Madrid and United negotiated late into Monday evening after talks that dragged on for several weeks, but the clubs failed to register the new contract with the Spanish league offices before midnight local time.

La Liga confirmed Tuesday that De Gea was not among the players who transferred by Monday's deadline, but did not say whether Madrid actually attempted to register the player or if something went wrong to keep the deal from happening.

The bizarre breakdown quickly became the object of fan derision and mockery.

It left many wondering what exactly went wrong — and how two of world football's biggest clubs could mess things up so badly.

Madrid and United blamed each other for the debacle.

Madrid said the English club took too long to review the

\$1.7B

Manchester United's 36-million pound (\$73 million CAD) deal for Anthony Martial took total spending by Premier League clubs in this summer's transfer window to about 860 million pounds (\$1.7 billion CAD)

transfer contracts and was late submitting the required documentation into FIFA's electronic transfer system. In its lengthy statement, Madrid also blamed United for delaying the start of the transfer talks.

"Manchester United did not agree to open any negotiations over the federative rights of David de Gea until yesterday (Monday) morning," the Spanish club said. "Real Madrid, despite the difficulties entailed in carrying out a deal of these characteristics on the final day of registration, agreed to initiate these talks."

But United said that Madrid's first bid for De Gea did not arrive until Monday lunchtime. In a lengthy statement on the timeline of events, the English club said:

• With more than two hours to go in the transfer window, United sent the transfer documents for both De Gea and Navas to Madrid. But with 28 minutes to go, Real returned De Gea's documentation without the signatory page.

• Twenty minutes before the deadline, "major changes to the documentation came through



David De Gea arrives at Soccer City training facility near Madrid on Tuesday. Manchester United seems happy to still have its star goalkeeper. PIERRE-PHILIPPE MARCOU/AFP/Getty Images

to Manchester United which immediately put the deals at risk."

• With five minutes to go, the documents required to cancel De Gea's contract were received by United but not those for Navas. Three minutes later, the De Gea transfer documents were uploaded to FIFA by United but not by Madrid in time.

The Premier League club ended its statement by saying: "Manchester United acts appropriately and efficiently in its transfer dealings." FIFA said it could not comment on whether both clubs had submitted the information correctly because all transfer documents are confidential.

Madrid said: "In short, Real Madrid did everything necessary at all times to complete both transfers," the club said.

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+ BPL DEADLINE DAY DEALS

With the closure of the British transfer window at 6 p.m. BST on Tuesday Metro looks at what important deals were done before the buzzer.

DONE DEALS

- **Anthony Martial** (Monaco to Manchester United) — 36M pounds
- **Virgil van Dijk** (Celtic to Southampton) — 11.5M pounds
- **Ramiro Funes Mori** (River Plate to Everton) — 9.5M pounds
- **Michael Hector** (Reading to Chelsea) — 4M pounds
- **Papy Djilobodji** (Nantes

- to Chelsea) — 4M pounds
- **Nikica Jelavic** (Hull City to West Ham) — 3M pounds
- **Joleon Lescott** (West Brom to Aston Villa) — 2M pounds
- **Aaron Lennon** (Tottenham to Everton) — Undisclosed fee

LOANS

- **Matt Jarvis** (West Ham to Norwich City)
- **Tiago Llori** (Liverpool to Aston Villa)
- **Victor Moses** (Chelsea to West Ham)
- **Nathan Dyer** (Swansea to Leicester)
- **Alex Song** (Barcelona to West Ham)

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 - 2 cups cherry or grape tomatoes
 - 2 oz crumbled goat cheese (1/2 cup)
 - 1/2 cup pitted black olives, sliced in half
 - 2 cups baby arugula or spinach
- Dressing
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 2 Tbsp lemon juice
 - 2 tsp Dijon mustard
 - 1 tsp minced garlic
 - Salt and pepper

Directions

1. In preheated oven of 400 F,

place asparagus and cherry tomatoes on baking sheet. Spray with vegetable oil and roast for 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in a pot of boiling water, cook penne until just firm to the bite, about eight minutes. Drain and place in serving bowl. Cut asparagus into one-inch lengths and add to pasta along with tomatoes.

3. Add cheese, olives and arugula to pasta.

4. Dressing: Combine ingredients in small bowl and add to pasta.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 4)

- Calories 390
- Protein 13 g
- Carbohydrates 53 g
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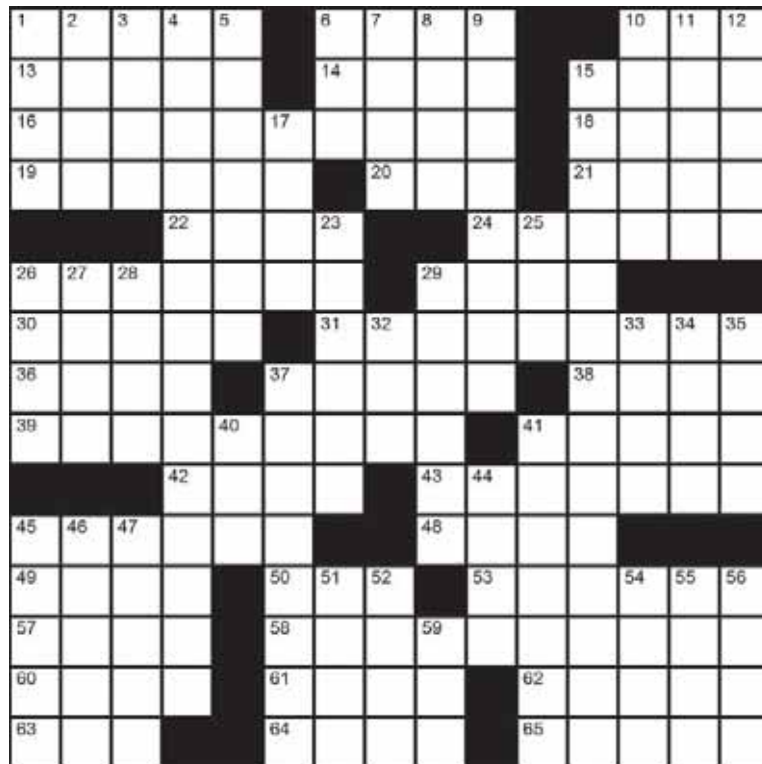
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ACROSS

1. Arcade Fire's "Neighborhood #2 ()"
6. Hightail it
10. "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star Mr. David, casually
13. Wearing _ _ (Smiling)
14. Stockings
15. "The Flintstones" pet
16. Realm for a journalist's work: 2 wds.
18. Swedish store
19. Horse riding seat
20. Wild ox
21. Enthusiasm
22. Packet of paper
24. Harry Potter, for one
26. Toronto-born actress Ms. Watson whose name is Western-inspired
29. Movie company
30. Provokes
31. Particular potato: 2 wds.
36. Terrestrial stage newts
37. Divulged
38. Family suffix in zoology
39. Youngest daughter of Princess Grace of Monaco
41. Apple pie serving
42. 'Christ' suffix (Some religious people)
43. Some brand name tea bags
45. Spain's capital
48. Captain Hook's sidekick



49. Juice berry
50. Entirely
53. Prepares the potatoes this way
57. Light baseball hit
58. Randy Bachman prop: 2 wds.
60. Abbreviated list-enders

61. Naturalness
62. Shatner's famous co-star
63. Ms. Remick
64. Double
65. Mattress manufacturer

DOWN

1. _ it up (Eats

- heartily)
2. Taj Mahal's site
3. "How can _ my garden of slugs?" (Gardener-to-expert query)
4. Green Gables... Dear friends, to Anne Shirley: 2 wds.
5. Rustic cabin

- decorations
6. " _ Bop" by Cyndi Lauper
7. "Agent _ Banks" (2003)
8. "Heat of the Moment" band
9. Material used for building boats
10. " _ _ Rolling Stone"

- by Bob Dylan
11. Close by, in verse
12. Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
15. American jazz trumpeter who collaborated with Canadian pianist Oscar Peterson: 2 wds.
17. Nitty-gritty
23. Ancient peoples of Chichen Itza
25. Auberge
26. Eras
27. Artist's workplace
28. Diminish
29. Acting's Mr. Ulrich, and namesakes
32. Mr. Geller
33. Garfield's pal
34. Delicate, as a doily
35. Kiki and Sandra
37. Covered with medical wrapping
40. "Bali _ _": Song from "South Pacific" (1958)
41. The 'S' of writer T.S. Eliot's name
44. English actress Ms. Watson
45. Silent movies star Ms. Normand (b.1892 - d.1930)
46. Razor-sharp
47. Do the waltz
51. Hawaiian happening
52. Ms. Kudrow
54. "Give _ _ round of applause!" (Clap for this guy, people!)
55. Environmental sci.
56. Vodka brand
59. _ Aviv, Israel

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Aries March 21 - April 20
Everything in life happens for a reason, so don't get uptight if you don't like what occurs today. What you call "bad luck" may in fact be good luck, adjust your perspective.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Don't take anything too seriously. If you let yourself get annoyed too easily you will look back and realize how much time and energy you wasted on things that don't matter.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether to laugh or cry and what happens today will certainly leave you with mixed emotions. If you feel depressed, look up a friend you have not seen in a while.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Stay patient because if you get restless you may do something you later regret. Act as if you are being watched by people on whom your future depends.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There is no point trying to hide your feelings because everyone can read the look on your face. Why would you want to hide your feelings anyway? People expect you to be outspoken.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Stop lamenting what might have been and start looking forward to what still can be. You have the talent and the tenacity to turn things around. Your future is bright.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Forget about your chores and do something that makes you feel alive. Stay positive, because then and only then will you make a good job of what you are working on.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
There are a lot of strange things going on around you at the moment. Should you be worried? No. Whatever may be going on it is not directed at you personally. You may in fact benefit in the long-term.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's time to get rid of all your old junk. And not just physical junk, but mental and emotional junk too. You will have more space for the things, and people, that matter.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You seem to be worried that something of value is being taken from you but ask yourself: how many times in the past have your worries proved to be unfounded? Stop worrying and start living.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have important things to do today but what matters most is the way you do it. Once others see your confident air they will respect you and do whatever you ask of them.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You are assertive, but don't force people to do things your way when they don't want to. You may succeed but you will also create bad feelings. Think before you act.

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